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Kamiya, et al.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR GFP FRAME TRANSFER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

20. (Amended) The GFP frame transfer apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said subnetwork comprises a POS (Packet Over SONET).

Please add claim 53 as follows:

- - 53. (New) The GFP frame transfer apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said subnetwork comprises a POS (Packet Over SONET).- -

REMARKS

Claim 20 has been amended to delete multiple-dependency and claim 53 has been added accordingly.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

20. (Amended) The GFP frame transfer apparatus according to claim 16 [or claim 17], wherein said subnetwork [is] comprises a POS (Packet Over SONET).